

ANDREW ERICKSON.

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Mr. LINDBERGH, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 6664.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6664) for the relief of Andrew Erickson, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do not pass.

As a member of the subcommittee, I do not favor the passage of this bill, and would make that report to the committee, for the reason that I believe it is the practice of the committee not to recommend the passage of bills for damages arising out of facts such as appear in this case. If Congress were to give relief in cases of this kind, there would be a great number of like private bills before Congress. If the policy of paying damages in cases like this is to be established it should be covered by a general law giving the right to all persons, without discrimination, to recover such damages as they suffer in cases of this kind. Personally, however, independent of my recommendation as one of the subcommittee, I would, in case the claim should be presented on the floor of the House, vote to allow a reasonable amount of damages in this case.

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